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## Notice: Public Hearings for RI Charter School Applications

The Office of Transformation and Charter Schools at the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) invites members of the public to comment on all new charter school applications currently under review. During the public comment period, RIDE will be conducting two (2) public hearings on each of four (4) proposed charter school applications.

<i><b>Proposed Charter School</b></i>	<i><b>Proposed Sending Communities</b></i>	<i><b>Dates of Hearings</b></i>	<i><b>Locations of Hearings</b></i>
Engineering Early College Academy	Providence	Mon, June 10, 2013	PCTA, 41 Fricker St, Providence
		Wed, June 12, 2013	PCTA, 41 Fricker St, Providence
Newport County STEAM Academy	Newport, Middletown, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Jamestown, Little Compton	Mon, June 17, 2013	Newport Public Library, 300 Spring St, Newport
		Mon, July 8, 2013	
Providence Renaissance Academy	Providence	Tues, June 18, 2013	The MET, 325 Public Street, Unity Bldg, Providence
		Thurs June 27, 2013	The MET, 325 Public Street, Unity Bldg, Providence
Southside Elementary Charter School	Providence	Mon, June 24, 2013	The MET, 325 Public Street, Unity Bldg, Providence
		Wed, June 26, 2013	PCTA, 41 Fricker St, Providence

**\*\*All hearings will begin promptly at 6:00 PM \*\***

Those wishing to have an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for TDD should contact Sheila Galamaga at 401-222-8462 or [sheila.galamaga@ride.ri.gov](mailto:sheila.galamaga@ride.ri.gov). Spanish-English interpretation will be available upon request 48 hours prior to the hearing.

The 2014 applications can be found online under the "Pipeline" tab at the following link:

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/RIPublicSchools/CharterSchools.aspx>

Comments will be accepted and considered for a 60-day period beginning on **May 28, 2013** and ending on **July 26, 2013**. Comments may be submitted by email to: [charterschoolcomments@ride.ri.gov](mailto:charterschoolcomments@ride.ri.gov) or by paper mail to:

Office of Transformation and Charter Schools  
Attn: Charter School Comments  
Rhode Island Department of Elementary & Secondary Education  
255 Westminster Street  
Providence, RI 02903

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